

Town of Upper Marlboro
14211 School Lane
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

August 29, 2021

Appeal of Code Compliance Inspection Report Dated 8/23/2021 Time: 4:40pm
Address of Property – 14105 Spring Branch Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD
Name of Property Owner – Janet M. Wyvill

Ms. V. Stewart states that “All exterior property areas shall be maintained in a reasonable clean and sanitary condition No grass or weeds No more than (12) twelve inches tall. Cut & maintain all vegetation, tall grass & weeds on ground and on fence in front and backyard areas.”

Picture 1/P1 show my front walkway with a fence that Ms. Stewart perceives to be tall grass/weeds/vegetation when in reality it is Peony foliage and Hosta plants which has been there for 25+ years. May I suggest that Ms. Stewart take a Horticulture Class so she can identify plants from weeds.

Picture 2/P2 & Picture 3/P3 is my back fence which does have vines growing. I did remove the vines in June 2021 after a violation notice. But since removing the vines, I have notice on numerous occasions while driving thru town that there are many fences with weeds/vegetation growing on them.

1. Along Old Marlboro Pike at Rectory Lane (property next to Mr. Hopkins) has overgrowth, weeds and/or vegetation. The overgrowth was covering the Rectory Lane Sign until just a few days ago.
2. The fence between the United Methodist Church and the property at the corner of Old Marlboro Pike and Elm Street has weeds/vegetation/vines growing on the wooden fence and the chain link fence behind the garage and runs along the two properties on Elm Street.
3. The wall at the Post Office that backs up to the Hall property has overgrowth, weeds/vegetation/vines growing.
4. The corner of Old Crain Hwy and Main Street has weeds/vegetation which is many feet tall and covers the East Route 725 sign.

The above samples are just few of the numerous properties that I have observed in my travels around town.

Am I being singled out or are there Double Standards? If my neighbor is complaining, they have the right to trim the vines back from their property.

I will be waiting on your written decision of whether the vines can stay or that everyone will be removing their weeds/vegetation/vines from their property.

Thank you,

Janet M. Wyvill